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United Fruit Company has instructed Bump to confer with you (Embtel 58 July 9) and make his recommendation re timing of overture by Company to Government. Cable your views after discussion with Bump.

FYI Montgomery in Boston nineteenth for UFCO meeting reviewing relations with Guatemala Honduras, then here twenty-third, affording us opportunity support your recommendations with him. He probable choice confer Guatemalan Government view his recent success in Costa Rican contract negotiations, Honduran strike settlement. UFCO official states company disposed initiate talks Guatemala near future as means demonstrate confidence cordiality new government but would not consider contract revisions finalized until ratified by elected Congress under new constitution as company opposed make new arrangements with military defacto regime.

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